



It's A Wonderful Journey Program

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OBJECTIVE

The main reason for this program is that each Adventurer feels the joy of a Christian's journey of building a relationship with Jesus and looking forward to eternity in heaven. Children should feel that they are part of this message.

Suggestions:

- Give each participant their part in a timely manner for adequate preparation.
- Use props/items for each scenario, to better represent the situation being portrayed.
- Prepare gifts according to your financial possibilities as a club and hand them out either in the middle of the program or at the church entrance. A Souvenir of the day would be phenomenal.
- Songs related to the theme
 - Sailing Home https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slvPnLjlo_0
 - Going on a Journey (Vineyard Kids)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZl6o-F32Ko>
 - I've Got a Mansion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysgQU0c2cvQ>
 - Heaven is a Wonderful Place
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyKIKZzZ1DE>

INTRODUCTION

Sunbeam: Do any of you like to travel? The challenge with traveling is that adults have to plan ahead and make reservations. Everyone needs to pack what they need for the trip. This morning you will be able to know how to prepare for the best journey of your life.

(A Busy Bee, Eager Beaver, and a Little Lamb enter the scene accompanied by an Adventurer leader.)

Leader: *(Talking to the Adventurers who are joining him)* Do you know where our greatest journey ever will be to?

Little Lamb: Grandma's House!

Leader: No, but that is a great place.

Eager Beaver: Camp Meeting...to see all our friends?

Leader: *(smiling)* No

Busy Bee: Adventurer Family Camp!

Leader: No. Those are all great places to visit, but the best place of all will be the place God has prepared for each one of us in HEAVEN!

Exits Stage

Helping Hand: Read Bible Scripture – John 14:2 (NKJV)

Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Builder: Let's sing *I've Got a Mansion*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysgQU0c2cvQ>

Special Part: It could be an acrostic, a song sung by all the Adventurers or a poem *(here are some ideas)*

Acrostic: HEAVEN

Have you given your heart to Jesus?
Each day choosing to follow Him
Along the turns of life's journey
Very faithful to trust His Word
Even when we can't see where the path may lead
Never doubting Salvation's reward

Poem:

Assign different Adventurers to read or recite each of the numbered parts and/or invite the congregation to recite the chorus with an older Adventurer leading the chorus.

It's a Wonderful Journey Indeed!

Chorus: It's a Wonderful Journey Indeed!
Would you join Jesus and me?

Part 1: Inviting Jesus into my heart
Fills me with grace and gives me a fresh start.

Chorus: It's a Wonderful Journey Indeed!
Would you join Jesus and me?

Part 2: God Helps me choose a kinder way
To live each and every day.

Chorus: It's a Wonderful Journey Indeed!
Would you join Jesus and me?

Part 3: Telling others the gospel news
So eternal life they could choose

Chorus: It's a Wonderful Journey Indeed!
Would you join Jesus and me?

Part 4: Someday soon Christ is coming back again
 To take His faithful followers to heaven with Him.

Chorus: It's a Wonderful Journey Indeed!
 Would you join Jesus and me?

SABBATH SCHOOL

Skit: Preparing for Eternity

Props: large suitcase or bag overflowing with clothes, shoes, and other items a person might pack for a trip.

Narrator: What would you pack for a long trip?

Two children enter: one dragging a large suitcase or bag and another child carrying more items to pack.

Child 1: What else do you think we will need? *(acting exhausted, setting suitcase/bag down)*

Child 2: *(trying to put items they were carrying into the bag/suitcase)* Did you pack your swimsuit?

Child 1: Yea

Child 2: What about your toothbrush?

Child 1: Yes, I remembered that!

Child 2: We'll be gone for eternity. Did you get your warm jacket?

Child 1: I have a sweater. *(both children trying to shove everything into the bag/suitcase)*

Child 2: What about toys? Should we pack some of those?

Third child enters carrying a Bible and says:

Child 3: *(with a skeptical look)* What are you doing?

Child 1: Packing...

Child 2: ...for eternity

Child 3: You won't need ANY of that stuff for eternity!

Child 1: Really?

Child 2: Why not?

Child 3: God will have everything we need. We don't have to pack anything! (*holding up the Bible*) This book tells us everything we need to do to get ready for our trip to Heaven.

Child 1: What does it say?

Child 2: What do we need to do?

Child 3: As we read the Bible, we build a relationship with Jesus. That's how to prepare for heaven!

Child 1: Oh, I see!

Child 2: Can you show us?

Child 3: Sure! Come with me. We can study the Bible together!

Adventurers Leave Together

Activity

Prepare a heart made of cardboard, wood, boxes, or any material you have on hand. Using your material, make sure that there is an opening. It must be made in such a way that children can enter their hearts into it, (*a small heart made of cardboard*) that will be delivered at the door to the Adventurers.

(Alternate idea is for participants to bring their symbolic cardboard/paper heart to tape to a cross or lay at the feet of a large cutout picture of Jesus, perhaps a large felt mounted on a board that could be borrowed from the children's Sabbath School department)

Adventurer Leader: One of the best gifts God gives children is the limitless faith of what awaits them in heaven and the joy of sharing the good news of Salvation with anyone they meet, inviting them to join the Wonderful Journey.

In this moment, anyone who wishes to begin their own wonderful journey can come up to the altar to give their heart to Jesus in a symbolic way, so that God can begin preparing you for a life of eternity in Heaven.

After hearts have been entered, ask a Pastor or elder to pray that the hearts of our children will be opened to the Holy Spirit and be prepared for a Christian life of service and a home in heaven for eternity.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON is given

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCLUSION

Adventurer Leader and 6 Adventurers (they enter with the objects assigned to them)

Leader: We can prepare for an eternal home in heaven by:

Adventurer 1: Reading our Bibles (*Enters with a Bible*)

Adventurer 2: Praying and Listening to the Holy Spirit (*Enters with Praying Hands*)

Adventurer 3/4: Teaching others about Jesus through His Holy Word (*2 friends enter holding hands, each carrying Bibles*)

Adventurer 5: Trusting God. (*Enters with hands empty, raised up to heaven*)

Adventurer 6: Serving others. (*Enters and hands Adventurer 5 a basket of food; Adventurers 5 & 6 both smile*)

Suggestion: Another option would be that while the leader mentions the four points, a video of the children doing each of these is shown.

Leader: After watching our program this morning, are you ready to give your heart to Jesus and begin preparing for the wonderful journey of spending eternity in heaven?

Final Prayer

Church Announcements

WORSHIP

In anycase, copy the Adventsource suggested Sabbath program from the Adv director's book.

Things to remember:

- *Have Adventurers greet members at the door and handout bulletins.*
 - *Flags and banner (American/Adventurer/Christian)*
 - *Color Guards*
 - *Adventurer Song (see link below)*
 - *Adventurer Pledge and Law (see link below)*
<https://www.clubministries.org/adventurers/adventurer-pledge-law-song/>
 - *Bulletin*
 - *Bookmark to give as gifts.*
 - *A children's story with puppets.*
 - *Create a powerpoint or video of the Adventurer's activities. (Promo opportunity)*
 - *Special music*
 - *Children's story by an Adventurer.*
 - *Special prayer by a family.*
 - *Offering (have Adventurer to collect offerings).*
 - *Special welcoming*
 - *Praise team (combine with Adventures or others).*
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SABBATH AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

After-Service Lunch

- Adventurers can participate by helping serve food and cleaning up once the meal is finished

Activities

- Have different stations with activities based around the theme, “A Wonderful Journey.”
 - Making Crafts
 - Puppet Show [▶ How to Make a Toy Theatre](#)
 - Playing a Bible Game
 - Prayer Station – in which adventurers pray for each other’s requests or write down their prayer requests
 - Outreach Station – in which adventurers learn about how they can share the gospel
- The club can participate in the “Family Blessing Program,” which is a part of the Adventurer curriculum.
- Other ideas:
 - Visiting the elderly members of the church or a nursing home. (Sing, pray, give out literature)
 - Visiting a sick church member or making a get well card and mailing it to them.
 - Outreach and community services activity.
 - Making Blankets for the homeless [▶ How to Make a Tie Blanket from Fleece](#) or Give away blankets to the homeless. (The blankets can be wrap-up in a see-through plastic bag, tight, or hung by a park which will be seen by the needy. Don’t forget to add a card and let them know Jesus loves them.)
 - Organizing a food drive.
 - Calling and praying with church members who have been away for some time.
 - Visiting a fire station and thanking them for the work they do and bringing them something special.
 - Make and give thank you cards to the pastors and others.
 - Create bookmarks to give out at church on Adventurer Sabbath Day.
 - Create a wall with pictures of the Adventurers in action or during their activities. Members like to see what they are up to.
- Hiking through nature or local park, throughout the hike the club can stop to pray, sing worship songs, learn more about nature, and have Sabbath vespers.

SATURDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

- Close the Sabbath as a family or a club by a park, the beach, lake etc. reflect on the day's activity. Share with each other which was the best part of the day, or your favorite activity, etc.
- Watching a movie and eating pizza at church.
- Games [▶ 11 Fun physical education games | pe games | primary school akti...](#)
- Renting bounce houses
- Selling food as a fundraiser
- Going swimming
- Family night board games.
- Bible Pictionary